Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Virginia and North Carolina—Cloudy and colder Wednesday: Thursday fair and continued cold: brisk northwesterly winds

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Co'clock. Engine No. 7 responded. Two minutes later box 14, at the corner of Tenth and Byrd Streets, was turned in at 12:23. A second alarm was sent in at 12:26, and at 12:34 Chief Shaw turned in

the thre sinxes, and all the available De-partment in the city hurried to the scent.

were immovable. The fire was in the most inflammable material possible-kiln-

dried lumber, finished material for doors,

sashes and blinds, together with the shavings and trash that is left from work-

ward which the hungry flames reached

out its fierytongues, while directly in front and separated by a narrow alley

wast the office building in the second

story of which was tlso a lot of imilam-mable material.

The fire, which originated in the shed

on Tenth Street, had reached the main factory, and when the firemen reached the scene angry tongues of flames were

licking from the windows of the building,

threatening to envelop the whole plant. In the angle formed by the factory and

shed was the large dry-kiln, filled with

lumber. Las soon caught, and the fierce flames shot high into the air, making the

BRAVE WORK.

but add to the fury of the flames.

the rear two strong streams were delug-

unchecked. Gradually the water began to

tell and the huge flames would sink for an instant, only to rise to an increased

water dashed against the red sides

glittered like another firmanent

e main factory was gutted, resulting

where the fire originated was to-

height and to throw out an even greater

of the kiln, and volumes of smoke arose heavenward. Clouds of sparks ascended

But the work of the brave firemen be

gan to tell, and slowly but surely they gained headway and succeeded in master-

in the loss of valuable machinery and a large amount of finished material; the

tally destroyed, and the dry kiln, with its contents of lumber in various stages of seasoning, is little more than ashes and

The total loss sustained cannot be

Wh'tehurst carried insurance to the amount of \$33,000, all of which was placed through Messrs, J. B. Moore &

Man's Life Was Lost.

tion about seventeen years. He has had

sioned by the burning of another plant

in the rear of his. The last fire was about eight years ago. Then a negro went to the oil-room with a lamp. The room was fired by the lamp and the ne-

EXPOSITION PLAN

factory has always enjoyed a

destruction of it will occasion lieness of fifty men. Whitchurst declares that he will

IS TAKING SHAPE

Ter-Centenary Matters Before Promi-

nent Gentlemen-Meeting

Here To-Night,

Representatives of Tidewater Virginia

met yesterday afternoon in Murphy's Ho-

tel in response to a prociamation from

the Governor asking that this step be

paign in the interest of the proposed Ter-

ginia. The meeting was entirely infor-

Hampton Roads-Jamestown Exposition Company, was there, and afterwards in speaking of the gathering and its pur-poses, said:

In fact, there is no committee as yet. The gentlemen who met to-day are here mere-

gentlemen who met to-day are here mere-ly to find out what the Governor wants

done, as we are meeting in response to his call. Once an organization is formed,

success of this exposition. We shall ask

This was not a committee meeting

gro was burned to death.

Whitehurst has been at this loca

least two fires before this, but at ther of these times was his place so eatly damaged. The first fire was occa-

accurately, but is placed at between and fifty thousand dollars. Mr.

brought closer to earth.
WORK TELLS.

ing the arch enemy.

ing the sheet-iron walls of the dry kiln, but the seething mass within burned on

Into this narrow alley, where the dense

smoke belched fort has from an inferno.

surroundings as light as day.

in such material. In the rear and ward which the hungry flames reaced to the flank of the fierce flames were piled thousands of feet of lumber, to-

The difficulties of the Fire Department

RICHMOND. VA. WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 4 1901

PRICE TWO CENTS

PLANING MILL FIRE IN EARLY MORNING

Big Whitehurst Plant Almost Consumed By Flames.

MOST DIFFICULT FIRE

Kiln-Dried Lumber Burned Fiercely and Defied Water.

LOSS ABOUT FORTY THOUSAND

Valuable Machinery and Large Stock o Finlined Material Destroyed, Together With Large Kiln of Lumber-Fires men Fought Against Odds-Insurance Amounts to \$33,000.

The sash, door and blind factory of Mr. W. J. Whitehurst, Tenth and Byrd Streets, was well-nigh totally destroyed early this morning.

The loss will reach nearly \$50,000, and the insurance approximately \$33,000. The plant employed about forty-five

skilled workmen, most of whom are Richmond men and have wives and children dependent on them. Mr. Whitehurst informed a Times writ-

er, when the fire had hardly been gotten under control, that he certainly intend to rebuild at once

The origin of the fire is unknown. It had been surning at least ten minutes before the first alarm was turned in.

The fire was fought by the entire Department, under the direction of Assistnt-Chief Shaw, Chief Puller being sick.

partment at 12:21. It was 'phoned to the employed in me yards of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, just in the rear of hours later than this before the engines were able to leave the scine.

The firemen met with great difficulty in The steam pressure was excellent all the time, but firemen said that No. 5 engine had almost as well have been at its station, so small was the pressure of water that could be obtained.

The property destroyed consisted of the factory and machinery room of the plant, the dryer, containing 40,000 feet of lumber, as well as thousands of feet of lumber stacked up in the yard in the rear of the machine room. Many of the workmen had tools of their own in this room. These were all destroyed.

The office and storeroom of the plant and the stables, with three horses and quite a large quantity of lumber, were among the perishables that were saved.

WAS EASY OF ACCESS. The fire was in a building that offered fine opportunities for the thremen to fight it with ease. It was but two stories high and much of the hercest ham were in the lumber yard and scarcely ten feet from the ground. But the flames had gotten such a headway before the alarm was sent in. The response was prompt, however, and several streams were soon playing on the half smothered flames. A part of the time, even after the fire was under control, from a spectacular standpoint, the fire was a very

Mr. W. C. Curby, of the Atlantic Coast Line road, said he looked out of the little yard house about 12:20. The lumber in the reer of the yard of the Whitehurst plant was then in a bright blaze. He 'phoned that fact to the fire alarm office. He then came down taken as preliminary to an active camto the fire and found that the machineroom was also burning. It was evident Centenary Exposition to celebrate the to him that the fire had started in the first settlement of the English in Virlumber yard first.

As soon as Assistant Chief Shaw reach-As soon as Assistant Coned the scene, he sent in the second alarm.
Tidewater district being well represented.
Mr. G. T. Sheppard, secretary of the chines of the city responded to this except No. 6 and Truck No. 3. These came to the headquarters as a reserve.

SOME HAD GOOD PRESSURE. The great problem confronting the fire-men was to get water. Engines Nos. 1 and 2 were stopped on the bridge across the canal at Ninth Street. These got fine pressure and their streams were strong all the time. No. 8 had to dig a hole in the mud of the canal to get its suction pipe in. At first its pressure was very poor. No. 4 was at Ninth and Canal Streets, and did fine work. No. 7 at hardly any time had more than 35 pounds of pressure, and did very little service. This was the best that could be done, too, so it was said. The water was not

too, so it was said. The water was not too be had. No. 5 had good pressure and sent in a fine stream. One factor of the fire, which rather aided the firemen in the end than hindered them, was the strong wine blowing from the north. This kept the filmes from the office building.

The impression of every one who reached the fire in its earlier stages was that it had originated in the lumber explain it except that it was the careless work of tramps who were seeking sinelter from the wind and cold. Mr. John N. Browning, the foreman of the plant, was also of this opinion. They both said that there was nothing in the machine room likely to cause a fire.

The crowd was not a very large one, get it. And no one blames that enterprobably one thousand people, and many prising city for it, either, but the people are sufficiently interested in the matter to make the affair a great success, and shall certainly try to do our part to make the affair a great success, and shall certainly try to do our part to make the affair a great success, and shall certainly try to do our part to make the affair a great success, and shall certainly try to do our part to make the affair a great success, and shall certainly try to do our part to make the affair a great success, and shall certainly try to do our part to make the affair a great success, and shall certainly try to do our part to make the affair a great success, and shall certainly try to do our part to make the so."

One of Richmond's first meetings in the interest of getting the exposition here will be held this evening at the Virginia Historical Society rooms. Those to be in this country on goods shipped from the Philippines, since the attification of the Prilippines, since the attification of the Philippines, since the attification of the Philippines, since the attification of the Chamber of Commerce, will have to be rewill be lead to some the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council and the Society for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, The object of the meeting a Murbor o

likely to cause a fire.

The crowd was not a very large one, probably one thousand people, and many of these had gotten out of bed to come. About a half dezen ladies also looked on. Mr. Whitehurst was at his home asseep. Mr. Whitehurst was at his home asseep.
He was called up by Sergeant Brooks and told of the destruction of his plant.
He came at once. He was very calm.
This is the second, possibly the third, first things to be done is to the head as had.
THIE FIRST ALARM.
The first alarm came in the shape of a telephone message from the Atlantic coast. Line train dispatcher at 12:21 the capital city. The first alarm came in the shape of a telephone message from the Atlantic business man at the head of the movement. This may be considered to-night.

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ROMANTIC STORY OF HIDDEN GOLD

Many Years.

Federal Soldier Offers to Reveal the Hiding Place.

LAW SUIT FOLLOWED LOSS PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.

Mr. Waddill's Statement Taat Money Entrusted to lils Keeping Was Taken from Him Was Disbelieved by Pellow Directors, Cut is Now Proved to llave

Been True.

A story with all the romantic interest of the adventures of Captain Kidd, and containing such details as a robbery, law suit, a hidden treasure and a confession, was told by Judge Berryman Green yesterday. The robber, who was a Federal soldier, not only admits having stolen the gold, but has a map of the place where it is buried, and offers to show the hidden the firemen fought their way, and from the roof of the office building others were treasure on condition that he be not pouring streams, which for a time seemed prosecuted,

Near the close of the war, when the Federal forces were overrunning Danville, the directors of a bank there divided out the cash, amounting to five thousand dollars in gold each, among themselves, for safekeeping, the idea being that in this way most, if not all, of the assets of the bank could be saved.

After the war the directors held a meeting and each one produced the five thousand dollars in gold except Mr. Waddill, who stated that he took his five thousand dollars home and that a Yankee soldler entered his house and after severely choking him and threatening his life succeeded in getting the money. Mr. Waddill's statement was verified by his wife in every particular. The other directors were incredulous, and there the usual suspicion against Mr. Waddill. The bank sucd for the money and a long and expensive litigation began, which re-sulted in Mr. Waddill being declared by the Supreme Court of Appeals not re-

ADMITS HAVING TAKEN IT. Mr. Waddill was represented by Judge Berryman Green and Hon, George W. Cabell. The bank was represented by an equally strong array of counsel. All the parties to the litigation are now dead, ex-cept Judge Green, who brought a remarkable story from Danville yesterday.

He says that just before taking the train, the postmaster came running to him, bringing him a letter he had received from Ohio. The postmaster said remembered as a boy carrying some law books to Judge Green when he was trying the celebrated Waddill case in Danville, and being the only living man barrine, and being the only thing the could tell him something about the meaning of the letter. Judge Green says the writer went on to state that he was a Federal soldier and, while in Danville just before the end of the war, he had gone into a and sectived five thousand ied off with his regiment before he was ble to return and unearth it. The writer and will return to Danville and secure the gold and return it to the owner, if he is guaranteed protection from arrest or prosecution by the authorities of Vir-

WANTS EXPENSES PAID He offers if this is done to come to Danville, locate the money and deliver it Danville, locate the money and deliver it the proper owners, provided that out of the acomunt his traveling expenses will be paid. Another interesting phase of the case is that Mayor Sutherlin, long since dead, and father-in-law of Col. Francis L. Smith, a member of the Constitutional Convention, bought up all the assets of the Eank of Danville, and if the morey is recovered it will be declared assets, and will go to Mrs. Smith, as heir of her father.

IS FULL OF INTEREST.

It is a fresh, bright story Judge Green is the central figure in, and has enough of tragedy, romance and originality about awaken the interest of the mosit to awaken the interest of the most prosaic. The lifting of the veil of suspi-cion from the names of Mr. and Mrs. Waddill long years after their death and the prospect of five thousand dollars, less themselved or two to a charming lady a hundred or two, to a charming lady are not the least interesting denouements of this most unusually interesting story from real life.

CABINET MEETING.

nsular Decisions Were Principal Topic of Conversation.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—The Cabinet meeting to-day was principally every effort will be turned toward the consumed in a discussion of the insular decisions handed down yesterday by the the help of this city, of the State and of the country at large in this enterprise. "Once we find out the Governor's ideas Supreme Court. On the whole, it is be lieved the views of the majority of the on the subject, there will probably be court were quite satisfactory to perfected immediately plans for the fur-therance of the exposition enterprise. We believe that the people are sufficiently ministration. It was pointed out that the ultimate results of the decisions are in a measure speculative at present, with

HEARD MESSAGE WITH ATTENTION

Was Followed Closely.

BURIED TREASURE. COMMITTEE ON RULES FLED BEFORE KNOWN

Mr. Underwood, of Alabama, Substituted for Mr. Bailey.

That Body Also Heard President's Message Read, and a Committee from Each House Was Named to Determine

Upon a Fitting Expression On the Death of William McKinley.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3 .- Not in many years have the members of the House listened with such rapt attention to the annual message of a President of the United States, as they did to-day to the reading of the first message of President Roosevelt./ With the most intense interest, every word was followed from the announcement of the tragic death of President McKinley, in the opening sentence, to the expression of the closing wish that our relations with the world would continue peaceful. The reading occupied two hours, but not

reading occupied two hours, but not over a dozen members left their seats when it was concluded.

Several times there was applause and at the conclusion there was an enthusiastic demonstration on the Republican

that portion of the message relating to the death of the late President, was referred to a committee, to consist of a member from each State to join a simi-lar committee to consider and report what token of respect and affection it may be proper for Congress to express the deep sensibility of the nation to the tragic death of the late President. THE RESOLUTION.

Representative Grosvenor's resolution

follows:
"Resolved, That a committee of one member from each State represented in this House be appointed on the part of the House, to join such committee as the House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate to consider and report by what token of respect and affection it may be proper for the Congress of the United States to express the deep sensibility of the nation to the tragic death of the later resident, William McKinley, and so much of the message of the President, as relates to that deplorable event be referred to such that deplorable event be referred to such committee.

The Speaker appointed the following

committee in pursuance of the terms of the resolution: Gresvenor (Ohio), Kahn (California), Henry (Connecticut), Ball (Delaware), Warner (Illinois), Watson (Indiana), Cou-sins (Iowa), Glenn (Idaho), Bowersock (Kansas), Allen (Maine), Pearre (Mary-land), Lovering (Massachusetts), W. A. Smith (Michigan) Morris (Minnesota Edwards (Montana), Perkins, (Nebras ka) Currier (New Hampshire), Park (New Jersey), Ketcham (New York Marshall (North Dakota), Blackbur (North Carolina), Moody (Oregon), stead (Pennsylvania), Bull (Rhode Is-

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GOOD LUCK STOCK CHANGES HANDS

Messrs. Leigh and Saunders Se'l Out, Probably to Royal People, at Large Profits.

The majority of the stock of the South ern Manufacturing Company does not be-long to the owners of the Royal Baking Powder as such. That was the positive Powder as such. That has the positive statement made here yesterday by a gentleman in a position to know.

But while it cannot be learned here

just who does own the controlling inter-est in the "Good Luck" Powder, it is cer-tain that a great deal of the stock was sold last summer to persons out of the city, and that the bulk of the stock is not owned here now. It is also known that Mr. Egbert Leigh, Jr., until last summer, did own the controlling interest in the Good Luck Powder, and it is known that he does not now and that he sold at great

advantage to himself. MANAGEMENT UNCHANGED.

It is also a fact that while the majority
of the stock is not owned here, the management of the manufactory has not been changed and it is not likely to be, Mr. Leigh remains president of the company and all of the former employes are reand all of the foliate empayes at let-tained. When the stock was bought up-last summer rumors of the sale were printed in the filchmond papers, but nothing could be learned from an authentic source. No one here would say a word. And no one will talk now; that is, tell inything and allow his name to be used as authority. But all that is stated above is published on the authority of a gentle-man who knows what he was talking

Interest in the matter is revived at present by a recent publication in Grocery World, of Philadelphia, declares that it is in a position to state that the Royal Baking Powder Com-pany does own the "Good Luck" brand. This was shown to a gentleman of the Southern Manufacturing Company and emphatically disclaimed.

This gentleman declined to state, howthat the buyers of the stock of the enterprising and eminently successful Richmond house are also large holders of the stock of the Royal Baking Powder Com-This would, to all purposes, place the Richmond concern under the control of the ewners of the Royal. The foregoing is simply the view of many people in Richmond, and nothing to confirm it can be learned here

MUCH MONEY MADE.
This much can be stated as true, and it is very interesting—that Mr. Leigh and

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ELLA CROPSEY IN WILSON, N. C.

Robber Confesses After Every Word of President's Believed She and Abductor Visited That Town.

Searching Parties of Officers and Citizens Follow Them.

THE EXAMINATION OF WILCOX.

Sent On for Trial and His Bond Doubled-His Refusal to Testify Causes Disappointment and latensities the Feeling - The Time He Leit the Cropsey Porch Until He Reached Home Not Accounted For.

man came to Wilson yesterday afternoon with a lady and stopped at Mrs. Ward's boarding-house, In a short while this man was in the lock-up for drunkenness. He was kept there all night, he being re-leased about 10 o'clock this morning. Pictures of the missing girl were seen in Wilson this morning, which led to what is now believed to be an identification of the missing girl. Messages were exthe missing girl. Messages were ex-changed with the authorities in Elizabeth City, and it was decided to hold the pair for further investigation, but it was soon discovered that they had left town about 11 deleak this morning in a private con-11 o'clock this morning in a private con-

arching parties have just left Wilson an early developments are expected. It is believed by some that the parties wanted have not gone far from Wilson. Several of the town authorities, as well as private citizens, are in the searching

WILCOX REFUSED TO SPEAK.

An Unexplained Period the Night of the Girl's Disappearance.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 3.—Charged by
W. H. Cropsey with abducting his daughter, Ella, on the night of November 20th,
James Wilcox, the girl's admirer, was at Elizabeth City, N. C., this morning arraigned before Mayor Wilson and his associates, Magistrates Parker, Grice, Spence, and Sawyer. Attorneys Heywood, Sawyer, Turner, and Williams, who are employed by the Citizens' Committee, appeared for the prosecution; Aydelette and Grandy for the defense. About forty witnesses were present, mainly for the prosecution, but few were examined. Olive Cropsey, the missing girl's sister, repeated the facts concerning her sister's disappearance, which have been printed. She was greatly affected

and several times broke down and cried. Cross-examined by Attorney Aydelette, she repeated her testimony without variance.
FATHER'S TESTIMONY. W. H. Cropsey, Ella's father, next tes-illed, corroborating the previous witness, telling nothing new, save that he said

was the last man who would accus the son of his friend, Wilcox, who had been kind to him, but that he believed he cnows where his daughter is, and had, uningtigated by the Citizens' Committee, caused Jim Wilcox to be arrested the second time. He did this, he said, because Jim, when he appealed to him to tell him where Nellie was, seemed "cold," and answered that he had told all he was going to tell.

Farnie Mitchell, colored, swore that Jim Wilcox called on her yesterday ap-parently knowing that she would testify; that she, on the night Miss Cropsey dis-appeared, saw him at midnight entering his father's house, coming in a direction opposite from the Cropsey residence, and hinted that she could not tell this. On cross-examination she was confused and uncertain as to what he said. SCUFFLE IN THE PORCH.

Alexander Brownley, colored drayman, followed, but told nothing important. Roy Crawford, who was calling upon Miss Olive Cropsey on the night her sister disonve Cropsey on the might her sister dis-appeared, testified that Wilcox, after sitting in the room with Miss Ella Allett appeared, and Olive Cropsey and Carrie, their young weman cousin from New York, and himself for nearly two hours without directly addressing Elia, called her out on the veranda; that he afterward heard a scuffle outside, but supposing it was merely Jim and Ella scuffling in play, paid no attention to the sound; that he left about attention to the sound; that he left about 11:30 o'clock, saw no one outside the house, and went directly home. The prosecution then rested.

Wilcox's attorney, Aydelette, then moved to dismiss for lack of evidence.

Asked to put Wilcox on the stand, he agreed to do so, but subsequently, after conference with his client, said that Wil. cox refused to testify. After argument, which, with the taking of testimony, consumed four hours, Wilcox was held for trial at the next term of court in \$1,000 bail.

FEELING INTENSIFIED. Wilcox's refusal to testify has intensi-fied the general belief that he knows what has become of the missing girl. Diving apparatus was sent from Norfolk to Elizabeth City this afternoon and divers will examine the bottom of the Pasquotank River to-morrow searching for Miss Cropsey's body.

Norfolk detectives are scouring this city

o-night for the missing girl, who may they think, be concealed here.

Many rumors of clues being followed

here and at Elizabeth City are affoat, but the authorities will not reveal any thing and probably know nothing substantial regarding the mystery.

The excitement which fills Elizabeth
Tity over the affair has spread to Nor-

> Not Satisfactorily Explained. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ELIZABETH CITY, N. G. Dec. 3.—Alexander Brown and Fannie Mitchell told of having seen Wilcox enter his fatho'clock midnight. The sister's testimony was to the effect that Wilcox left the Cropsey residence five minutes 4-fter att. The distance between the Cropsey and Wilcox houses is three-quarters of a mile and the point made by the prosecution of a prosecution and the point made by the prosecution of a ferrand will be confirmed by the prosecution of the made of the made of the conference of Democratic Senting of the made of the made of the conference of Democratic Senting of the made o er's house, where he aves, at about 1 o'clock midnight. The sister's testimony

OUR LAW-MAKERS WILL MEET TO-DAY AT NOON

General Assembly to Convene in Biennial Session and Organize.

was that the fifty-five minutes which clapsed between the defendant's depar-ture from the one til his arrival at the plained; and that being so, and he being the last person known to have been with the girl on that night institute. the girl on that night, justified the prose

cution in demanding that he be heid.

Wilcox's counsel, basing his argument on the statement made by the defendant at a former hearing, contended that but thirty-five minutes clapsed, instead of fif-ty-five, and that this time was easily accounted for, as he had stopped on his way home to speak with an acquaint-ance. In the evidence adduced there with nothing that has not already been pub-

Military Ball.

(By Associated Press.) CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 3.-To-morrow the battieships Massachusetts and Alabama will arrive. The training-sh.p (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WILSON, N. C., Dec. 3.—It is now supposed that Miss Elia Cropsey and her abductor spent last night in Wilson. A many company to Wilson vesterday afternoon. tary ball will be given in their honor on

Thursday night.

The rush of people to install their exhibits at the Exposition continued to-day.
This morning the Government exhibits from the Treasury and Interior Departments arrived. Schator Depew left here this morning

Sentiment in Germany.

(By Associated Prest.)
BERLIN, Dec. 3.—The message of President Roosevelt caused a mild thrill in Germany. On the Bourse, where it was eagerly awaited, the message was reeagerly awaited, the message was re-ceived with uncommon interest, and the market generally was slightly stimulated upon the posting of a bulletin containing President Roosevelt's utterances about trusts. The shares of the steamship comanies fell one or two points, owing to immigration inspection paragraph and the proposed development of the mer-chant marine.

TO INVESTIGATE MACLAY'S STORY

Resolution Provides for a Committee of House for This

Purpose.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.-Representative Williams, of Mississippi, to-day intro-luced the following resolution, proposing a committee of inquiry:

Whereas, one E S. MacLay has written a 'History of the Navy of the United States,' which was adopted for use at the Naval Academy at Annapolis; and "Whereas, in said history said E. S.

MacLay denounces Rear-Admiral Schley as a liar and coward; and "Whereas, said MacLay is reported to have alleged that the proof sheets con-

taining these charges were submitted to one Captain A. S. Crowninshield, chief of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department, and approved and acquiesced 'Whereas, said MacLay is reported to

proved and acquiesced in by him; and. "Whereas, said MacLay was, at the time of the writing of the said history, and is now in the employ of the Navy Department of the United States, notwith-standing the sourrious character of the charges made by him in said history; and

"Whereas, said facts disclose a state of things subversive of honorable conduct and consideration among officers of the navy and employes of the Navy Depart-

ment; now, therefore be it "Resolved, by the House of Represen-tatives of the Congress of the United States, That a committee be appointed by the Speaker to investigate and report to the House of Representatives the truth or validity of the statements made by the said MacLay; the truth or falsity of the allegations that the proof sheets were submitted to and acquiesced in by the said Captain Crowninshield and said Rear-Admiral Sampson, and to report to the Mouse of Representatives the course of action to be pursued by the House in consequence of the assertion of the fact to be made by the said committee."

SPIRITS ASSOCIATION.

Resolutions Declare Tax of \$1.10 an Incentive to Fraud. (By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Dec. 3.—The annual meeting of the United States Spirits Association here to-day was attended by about fifty representatives of the dis-tributors in this country.

Besolutions were adopted protesting against "the excessive tax on spirits;"

requesting that the "outage allowance" on goods in bond be extended so as to apply to goods bonded after January Ist, 1899, and on various other matters of interest to the trade.

terest to the trade.

The resolution on "the excessive tax" declares that the present tax of \$1.10 per gallon is not only excessive, but also injurious and an incentive to fraud."

Mental Science Convention.

(By Associated Press.)
SEA BREEZE, FLA., Dec. 2.—At the
Vational Mental Science Convention to-Manufacture Science Convention to-day the following officers were elected: President, Helen Wilmans Post, of Florida (re-elected): First Vice-President, Florida (re-elected): First Vice-President, Eugene Delmar, of New York: Second Vice-President, Prof. Knox, of Washington State: Secretary. W. B. Mayle, of Pennsylvania: Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Moyle, of Pennsylvania. Central Executive Board—C. C. Post, Herbert George, Dr. J. W. Cormary. W. H. Bennington, Gusten Jungren and S. A. Rhodes.

The next convention will begin on Thanksgiving Day, 1902, in Kansas City, 1909.

The Democrats of the Senate and the House Confer.

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ELECT OLD OFFICERS.

Men Who Have Served Before Will be Chosen Again.

CAUCUSES HELD LAST NIGHT.

Both of the Conferences ere Like Love Feasts-May Nominate State Officers To-Morrow Night-Little Doubt That a Recess Will Be Taken After Prelimigary Work is Doge.

The General Assembly will meet to-day at noon.

All the old officers will be re-elected with one exception-there will be a new Speaker of the House. Hon. John F. Ryan will be chosen to preside over this branch of the Legislature. He as Speaker, but at the last se. .. Hon.

E. W. Saunders filled this high position. The Democrats of the Senate and House met in separate caucuses last night and made their nominations. There was not a single contest in the

conference of Democratic Senators. The nominations were made as follows: Henry T. Wickham, president pro tem.

Joseph Button, clerk. Frank B. Watkins, sergeant-at-arms. S. M. Donald, doorkeeper. In the caucus of Democratic members

of the House there was but one contest, and that over the position of second doorkeeper. Mr. P. H. Lipscomb was nominated before the roll-call was completed, The House officers will be:

John F. Ryan, speaker. John W. Williams, clerk.

John M. Johnston, sergeant-at-arms. A. O. Sullivan, first doorkeeper. P. E. Lipscomb, second doorkeeper. The caucuses were very tame. Nothing

either body. The Republicans have made no nominations, but it was said last night they might give complimentary votes to-day

unexpected came up for consideration by

for members of their party. WHAT WILL BE DONE TO-DAY. The Constitutional Convention will not be in session until 3 o'clock this afterand the Legislature will hold full sway at the Capitol until that hour. The Senate will be called to order at noon by Lieutenant-Governor Echols. The oath

will be administered to the new Senators and then the efficers nominated by the caucus last night will be elected. Clerk Williams, of the House, will call that body to order. The roll of members will be called; they will take the oath uired by them, and the nominces of

the Democratic caucus will be elected. There will then be an interchange of messages between the Senate and the House, and a joint committee will be apcointed to wait upon the Governor. Ho will be informed that the Legislature is organized and ready to proceed to Then will follow the message from the Governor, which will be presented by Private Secretary Ben P. Owen, Jr. This will about conclude the work of the first day. There will probably be a good many bills presented, especially measures granting charters, as the Constitutional Convention has decided upon a general char-

ter law.

WILL TAKE A RECESS. There seems to be no doubt that the Legislature will take a recess and wait a reasonable time upon the Constitutional Convention for it to complete its work. This seems to be the opinion of nearly all the members. Just how long this re-cess will hast none can tell. There is soms little talk about not even electing what are known as the "basement officers." but to let the incumbents continue in their positions until the convertion shall have decided just what officer the State shall have and what their duties shall be. But there is no probability of this

few advocates.

It seems very likely that the General Assembly will elect the so-called base-ment officers, pass any bills that may be necessary and within two weeks take a recess. In fact it can almost be stated that this will certainly be done

THE GENERAL CAUCUS. A petition will be circulated to-day for signatures for a general caucus of all the Democratic members, to be held to-morrow night, for the purpose of nominating the candidates for the various State offices. There are some who favor postponing this caucus until Friday with the purpose some to be in fanight, but sentiment seems to be in fa-for of "getting rid" of these contests as early as possible. It looks every much as if the caucus would be held to-mer-

ow might. There is no apparent change in the situation as rounds any of the offices to be filled. All the candidates are still in the field. No new ones have come out Some have no other hope of win-ning than that they may be favored by "something turning up," There will be a pretty large attendance

of the members to-day. Probably ninety ner cent, of them were to the city lest with. Some others will arrive this

THE CAUCUSES.

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By resolution the name of the branch organizations were changed from "Temples" to "Centers."

The cancer the contented of Democratic Senators to order. He mad a touching reference to familiar faces that were absent and extended a cordial welcome to the new Senators.